

by the reaction of an aromatic monomer having at least one boron-derivative functional group with an organic base including a tetraalkylammonium entity in an amount sufficient to convert the at least one boron-derivative functional group into boronate anionic group(s) ($-B(X)_3^-$) wherein X is independently selected from the group consisting of F and OH, and then coupling the organic cation salt of the aromatic boronate monomer with an aromatic monomer having at least one reactive halide functional group in the presence of a catalyst suitable for catalysing the coupling by elimination of a halide functional group and a boronate anionic group.

24. A process according to claim 21, wherein at least 1.5 equivalents of said organic base per boron-derivative functional group is provided in the reaction mixture.

25. A process according to claim 21, wherein at least two equivalents of said organic base per boron-derivative functional group is provided in the reaction mixture.

27. A process according to claim 21 or 22, wherein the organic base comprises $R' R'' R''' R'''' NOH$, wherein R' is a $C_1 - C_6$ alkyl group, and R'' , R''' and R'''' are each independently hydrogen atoms or $C_1 - C_6$ alkyl groups.

Please add the following new claims 36 and 37:

36. A process according to claim 22, wherein at least 1.5 equivalents of said organic base are reacted with the aromatic monomer having at least one boron-derivative functional group to produce the organic cation salt.

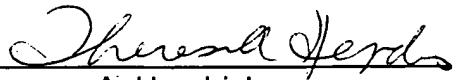
37. A process according to claim 22, wherein at least 2 equivalents of said organic base are reacted with the aromatic monomer having at least one boron-derivative functional group to produce the organic cation salt.

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